

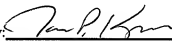
Remarks

Claim 26 remains in this application.

Applicant and his attorney's wish to thank the Examiner for his helpful comments during the telephone interview and his subsequent claim suggestions. Claim 26 set forth herein is identical to the claim proposed by the Examiner via E-mail.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Thus, based on the foregoing, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application as herein amended.

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